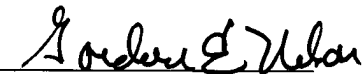


### Remarks

The foregoing amendment has moved the limitation of claim 18 into claim 17 and has canceled claim 18 and all claims which refer to expandable syntactic foam. As will be apparent from its nature, the amendment is completely supported by the Specification as filed. Since the amendment is substantially an "amendment canceling claims", Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner enter the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b)(1) and allow the claims as amended

A 1-month extension of time and a check for the requisite fee of \$60.00 accompany this response. Please charge any additional fees required for the amendment or refund any overpayments to deposit account number 501315.

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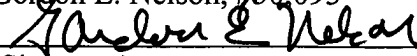
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